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HENDY WOODS MADE 3-1 FAVORITE IN SUNDAY'S GRADE III, \$200,000 OLD FORESTER MINT JULEP

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, June 3, 2022) – Stonestreet Stables' two-time stakes winner **Hendy Woods** was made the 3-1 morning line favorite in a wide-open cast of 10 fillies and mares that entered Sunday's \$200,000 Old Forester Mint Julep (Grade III) at Churchill Downs.

Trained by **Mark Casse**, Hendy Woods finished fourth in last year's Mint Julep. The homebred daughter of Uncle Mo has five-lifetime victories to her résumé from 13 starts with stakes wins in the \$150,000 Indiana Grand Stakes in 2020 and last year's \$400,000 One Dreamer at Kentucky Downs.

"She had a break after the (Oct. 9) First Lady and came back to Fair Grounds with us this winter," Casse's local assistant **David Carroll** said. "I thought she ran a credible race in the Modesty (GIII) last out after a tough trip and is coming into this race in the third start from that break."

Another mare that will enter the Mint Julep off a freshening is **Bal Mar Equine's** multiple stakes winner **Dalika (GER)**. The **Al Stall Jr.** trainee arrived back at his Churchill Downs barn Thursday after doing most of her preparation toward her 6-year-old bow at Skylight Training Center, located in Goshen, Ky.

"The break sort of seemed like it took the edge off of her a bit," Stall said. "She seemed to have enjoyed herself and it took a little longer getting her back into race shape. I think this spot is a good return."

Here's the complete field for the Old Forester Mint Julep from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Petricor (GB)** (Florent Geroux, Bill Mott, 8-1); **Market Rumor** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes, 8-1); **Waliyak (FR)** (Joe Talamo, Ed Vaughan, 8-1); **Keeper of Time** (Tyler Gaffalione, Brendan Walsh, 6-1); **Lake Lucerne** (Julien Leparoux, Brendan Walsh, 8-1); **Dalika (GER)** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Stall, 9-2); **Gam's Mission** (Adam Beschizza, Cherie DeVaux, 5-1); **Ambassador Luna** (Rafael Bejarano, Ben Colebrook, 20-1); Hendy Woods (Brian Hernandez Jr., Casse, 3-1); and **Take Charge Ro** (James Graham, Brian Lynch, 12-1).

The Mint Julep, run at 1 1/16 miles on the Matt Winn Turf Course, will go as Race 9 of 10 with a post time of 4:55 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 12:45 p.m. Turf racing Saturday and Sunday at Churchill Downs will be conducted in Lane 1.

Wagering for Sunday's Mint Julep Stakes and every race from Churchill Downs is available on www.TwinSpires.com, the official wagering provider of Churchill Downs Incorporated and the Kentucky Derby.

COHEN HARD AT WORK ON CHURCHILL DOWNS BACKSTRETCH – Veteran rider **David Cohen** has been very active in the recent mornings on the backside of Churchill Downs working several horses for outfits such as **Whit Beckman**, **Robertino Diodoro**, **D. Wayne Lukas** and **Dallas Stewart**.

"I decided to stay at Oaklawn until the end so it was a little slow to get going at Churchill since I missed Keeneland," said Cohen, who was inducted in the 2021-22 class of the Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. "We've started to pick up business the last week or so and things are moving again. I just have to keep working hard and grinding away."

Cohen is one of only a few Jewish jockeys in the country. One of the most notable is **Walter Blum**, who was inducted into racing's Hall of Fame in 1987 and won the 1971 Belmont Stakes aboard **Pass Catcher**.

In 2014, Cohen suffered a fractured leg which set him back several years until his fulltime return in 2018. The 37-year-old jockey has ridden primarily in New York and the Mid-Atlantic region of the U.S. for the majority of his career but has found a new home on the Kentucky circuit under the representation of **Doug Bredar**.

One of Cohen's mounts Saturday is Grade I-placed **Ava's Grace** in the \$200,000 Shawnee Stakes at Churchill Downs. The two-time winning 4-year-old filly finished second in last year's \$600,000 Fantasy Stakes (GIII) at Oaklawn and enters the race from a third-place finish in last month's \$750,000 La Troienne presented by Signify Health (GI). In both races she was defeated by Shawnee Stakes heavy 3-5 morning line favorite **Pauline's Pearl**.

"She seems to be coming into the race in good shape from the La Troienne," Cohen said. "We're excited about her chances."

The Shawnee Stakes will go as Race 7 on Saturday's 11-race card dubbed as "Stephen Foster Preview Day." First post is 12:45 p.m.

Here is the complete field for the Shawnee from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Temper Time** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Dale Romans, 20-1); **She's All Wolfe** (Francisco Arrieta, Donnie K. Von Hemel, 15-1); Ava's Grace (Cohen, Robertino Diodoro, 7-2); **Army Wife** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mike Maker, 9-2); **Pauline's Pearl** (Luis Saez, Steve Asmussen, 3-5); and **Crazy Beautiful** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeck, 6-1).

FIELDS FOR SATURDAY'S 'STEPHEN FOSTER PREVIEW DAY – A six pack of stakes are on tap Saturday from Churchill Downs as part of "Stephen Foster Preview Day." All six races will give horses a start to the July 2 Stephen Foster Day.

Here are the fields for Saturday's six stakes events from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds):

The \$200,000 Arlington Stakes (GIII), a prep for the \$350,000 Wise Dan (GII): **Admission Office** (John Velazquez, Brian Lynch, 3-1); **Floriform** (Tyler Gaffalione, Bill Mott, 4-1); **Like the King** (Luis Saez, Mark Casse, 12-1); **Get Smokin** (Javier Castellano, Casse, 3-1); **Field Pass** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Mike Maker, 5-2); and **Gray's Fable** (Julien Leparoux, Lynch, 7-2).

The \$200,000 Regret (GIII), a prep for the \$200,000 Tepin: **Walkathon** (Julien Leparoux, Ian Wilkes, 9-2); **Beside Herself** (Luis Saez, Todd Pletcher, 2-1); **McKulick (GB)** (Tyler Gaffalione, Chad Brown, 7-5); **Kneeships** (John Velazquez, Tom Amoss, 6-1); **Lola Flo** (James Graham, Lynn Cash, 30-1); and **Candy Raid** (Rafael Bejarano, Keith Desormeaux, 4-1).

The \$200,000 Aristides (Listed), a prep for the \$160,000 Kelly's Landing: **Bango** (Tyler Gaffalione, Greg Foley, 4-1); **Miles Ahead** (Joe Talamo, Paul McGee, 9-2); **Pyron** (John Velazquez, Al Stall Jr., 12-1); **Necker Island** (Mitchell Murrill, Chris Hartman, 4-1); **Bob's Edge** (Adam Beschizza, Larry Jones, 3-1); **Top Gunner** (Rey Gutierrez, John Ortiz, 7-2); **Jalen Journey** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen, 10-1); and **Long Range Toddy** (Luis Saez, Dallas Stewart, 12-1).

The \$200,000 Blame (Listed), a prep for the \$750,000 Stephen Foster (GII): **Proxy** (Luis Saez, Mike Stidham, 9-2); **Super Stock** (Corey Lanerie, Steve Asmussen, 12-1); **Title Ready** (John Velazquez, Dallas Stewart, 8-1); **Militarist** (Rafael Bejarano, Carlo Vaccarezza, 20-1); **Dynamic One** (Tyler Gaffalione, Todd Pletcher, 9-2); **Scalding** (Javier Castellano, Shug McGaughey, 5-2); **Santos Dumont** (Mitchell Murrill, Chris Hartman, 20-1); and **Americanrevolution** (Florent Geroux, Todd Pletcher, 8-5).

The \$200,000 Shawnee (Listed), a prep for the \$350,000 Fleur de Lis (GII): **Temper Time** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Dale Romans, 20-1); **She's All Wolfe** (Francisco Arrieta, Donnie K. Von Hemel, 15-1); **Ava's Grace** (David Cohen, Robertino Diodoro, 7-2); **Army Wife** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mike Maker, 9-2); **Pauline's Pearl** (Luis Saez, Steve Asmussen, 3-5); and **Crazy Beautiful** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeck, 6-1).

The \$200,000 Audubon, a prep for the \$200,000 American Derby (Listed): **Spin Wheel** (Edgar Morales, Rusty Arnold II, 10-1); **Grand Sonata** (Tyler Gaffalione, Todd Pletcher, 7-2); **Tallahatchiebridge** (Florent Geroux, Saffie Joseph Jr., 10-1); **Play Action Pass** (Corey Lanerie, Robert Medina, 20-1); **Kitodan** (Gerardo Corrales, Eric Foster, 30-1); **Red Run** (Julien Leparoux, Steve Asmussen, 10-1); **Smokin' T** (John Velazquez, Shug McGaughey II, 4-1); **Summer Anthem** (Javier Castellano, Mike Maker, 8-1); **James Jones** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Chad Brown, 9-2); **Speaking Scout** (Luis Saez, Graham Motion, 6-1); and **Major General** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Pletcher, 8-1).

SUNDAY IS FAMILY ADVENTURE DAY – Sunday is **Family Adventure Day** at Churchill Downs.

There will be more than 20 fun activities for kids under 12 in the Plaza, including stick horse races, a petting zoo, face painters, bounce houses, an obstacle course, corn hole, a bubble station and a video game truck. Also, there will be music from the Plaza Stage, and the Kona Ice Truck will be on hand.

General admission is \$9 and reserved seating is \$12. Two children per paying adult may attend for free.

Admission gates open at 11:30 a.m. and the first of 10 races is 12:45 p.m.

For more information or tickets, visit www.churchilldowns.com/tickets.

CHURCHILL DOWNS LIVE AVAILABLE ON SMART TVs – The **Churchill Downs LIVE** app is available free of charge on streaming services such as Amazon, Apple TV and Roku. Fans can download the Churchill Downs LIVE app for full access to a free HD live stream of the Churchill Downs simulcast signal and three additional angles including the saddling paddock.

Fans will get analysis each race day from expert handicapper/host **Joe Kristufek** who will be joined alongside **Kaitlin Free**, **James Scully**, **Scott Shapiro** and **Brandon Stauble**.

Wagering is available on www.TwinSpires.com, the official ADW of Churchill Downs Incorporated and the Kentucky Derby.

DOWN THE STRETCH – **Julien Leparoux** was one win away from 1,000 victories at Churchill Downs. He had calls in Races 3, 6 and 8 Friday. ... The jackpot for the 20-cent Derby City 6 continues to climb with a \$75,323 carryover into racing Friday. The bet spans races 4-9. ... Champion mare **Letruska** worked five furlongs in 1:00.40 Friday at Churchill Downs under jockey **Giovanni Franco**. The multiple Grade I winner is set to defend her title in the \$500,000 Ogden Phipps (GI) on June 11 at Belmont Park. ... The claim box was very active Thursday night with 16 horses claims out of a total 55 claim slips dropped. Through 20 days this meet, 149 horses were claimed for more than \$4.5 million. ... **“Inside Churchill Downs”** returns to the airwaves Friday at 6 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7. Fans outside the Louisville area can listen to the one-hour broadcast on www.espnlouisville.com.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

- **Racing:** 9 Races; Day 21 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:55 p.m.
- **Dirt/Turf (Lane 3, 24 feet):** Fast/Firm
- **Carryover:**
 - 20-cent Derby City 6 Jackpot (\$75,323)
- **Featured Races:**
 - Race 3 (1:43 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, f&m, 1 1/16 M (T)
 - Race 4 (2:13 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 2yo f, 5 1/2 F
 - Race 6 (3:18 p.m.) – OC 62500n2x, 3&up, 1 1/16 M (T)
 - Race 7 (3:50 p.m.) – OC 100000n3L, 3yo, 7 F
 - Race 8 (4:22 p.m.) – OC 80000n1x, 3yo f, 1 M
- **Featured Simulcasts:**
 - Pen 5 (7:10 p.m.) – \$150,000 Penn Oaks, 3yo f, 1 M (T)
 - Pen 6 (7:45 p.m.) – \$400,000 Penn Mile (GII), 3yo, 1 M (T)
- **Milestone Watch:**
 - Trainer Rusty Arnold (396 Churchill Downs wins)
 - Jockey Julien Leparoux (999 Churchill Downs wins)
 - Jockey Joe Rocco Jr. (196 Churchill Downs wins)
- **Meet Leading Jockeys:** Tyler Gaffalione (22); Brian Hernandez Jr. (15); Ricardo Santana Jr. (15); Florent Geroux (12); Rafael Bejarano (11)
- **Meet Leading Trainers:** Brad Cox (10); Steve Asmussen (8); Kenny McPeck (8); Joe Sharp (8); Brendan Walsh (8); Rusty Arnold (7); Mike Maker (7)
- **Meet Leading Owners:** Peter Brant (3); Godolphin LLC (3); David E. Miller (3); Rigney Racing LLC (3); Silverton Hill LLC (3); Stonestreet Stables LLC (3); Gary and Mary West (3)
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny, 81. North wind 5-7 mph.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-5:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com
- **Radio:** “Inside Churchill Downs” on ESPN 680/105.7 (6-7 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 (STEPHEN FOSTER PREVIEW DAY)

- **Racing:** 11 Races; Day 22 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:58 p.m.
- **Dirt/Turf (Lane 1, 0 feet):** TBA
- **Featured Races:**
 - Race 5 (2:45 p.m.) – \$200,000 Regret (GIII), 3yo f, 1 1/8 M (I)
 - Race 7 (3:50 p.m.) – \$200,000 Shawnee (Listed), f&m, 1 1/16 M
 - Race 8 (4:22 p.m.) – \$200,000 Arlington (GIII), 4&cup, 1 1/16 M (I)
 - Race 9 (4:55 p.m.) – \$200,000 Aristides (Listed), 4&cup, 6 F
 - Race 10 (5:26 p.m.) – \$200,000 Blame (Listed), 4&cup, 1 1/8 M
 - Race 11 (5:58 p.m.) – \$200,000 Audubon, 3yo, 1 1/8 M (I)
- **Featured Simulcasts:**
 - SA 2 (4:30 p.m.) – \$100,000 Desert Stormer (GIII), f&m, 6 F
 - Bel 9 (5:12 p.m.) – \$200,000 Pennine Ridge (GII), 3yo, 1 1/8 M (I)
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny, 83.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$9), Reserved Seating (\$12), Reserved Dining (\$54)
- **TV:** FS2 (4:30-6 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 (FAMILY ADVENTURE DAY)

- **Promotion:** Family Adventure Day
- **Racing:** 10 Races; Day 23 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:26 p.m.
- **Dirt/Turf (Lane 1, 0 feet):** TBA
- **Featured Races:**
 - Race 3 (1:43 p.m.) – Alw 134000nc, 3yo, 5 1/2 F (I)
 - Race 6 (3:18 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 3&cup, 1 1/16 M (I)
 - Race 7 (3:50 p.m.) – OC 150000b, 3&cup, 1 M
 - Race 8 (4:22 p.m.) – OC 62500n2x, 3&cup, 1 1/8 M
 - Race 9 (4:55 p.m.) – \$200,000 Old Forester Mint Julep (GIII), f&m, 1 1/16 M (I)
 - Race 10 (5:26 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 3&cup, 7 F
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny, 85.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$9), Reserved Seating (\$12), Reserved Dining (\$49)
- **TV:** FS1 (12:30-2 p.m.); FS2 (4:30-5:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

- **Scheduled Racing:** 9 Races; Day 24 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:55 p.m.
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Partly sunny, 83. 60% showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-5 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

- **Promotion:** Twilight Thursday – \$2 select domestic can beer, live music (Southern Sirens), food trucks (Sweet N Savory; Bamba Eggrolls; Good Belly; Copper Kitchen; Flavorville; and Lil Cheezers)
- **Scheduled Racing:** 8 Races; Day 25 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 4 p.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 5-8:23 p.m.
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Mostly sunny, 83. 20% showers and thunderstorms.
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GII Wonder Again (Bel)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (3-8:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

- **Promotion:** Senior Day – \$26 Millionaires Row/Skye Terrace for age 60 and up
- **Scheduled Racing:** 9 Races; Day 26 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:55 p.m.
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GI New York (Bel); GII Belmont Gold Cup (Bel); GII True North (Bel); GII Bed o' Roses (Bel); GIII Intercontinental (Bel)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-6:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com
- **Radio:** "Inside Churchill Downs" on ESPN 680/105.7 (6-7 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 (BELMONT STAKES WATCH PARTY)

- **Scheduled Racing:** 11 Races; Day 27 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:58 p.m.
- **Stakes Racing:** \$160,000 Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GI Belmont (Bel); GI Metropolitan Handicap (Bel); GI Manhattan (Bel); GI Ogden Phipps (Bel); GI Acorn (Bel); GI Just a Game (Bel); GI Woody Stephens (Bel); GI Jaipur (Bel); GII Brooklyn (Bel); GIII Affirmed (SA)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$9), Reserved Seating (\$12), Reserved Dining (\$54)
- **TV:** FS2 (11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 7:15-8:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

- **Promotion:** Military Appreciation Day – Free general admission; \$32 Millionaires Row or Skye Terrace
- **Scheduled Racing:** 10 Races; Day 28 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:26 p.m.
- **Stakes Racing:** GIII, \$225,000 Matt Winn; \$160,000 Leslie's Lady Overnight Stakes
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GII Summertime Oaks (SA)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-2:30 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

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